

(2) "*Free play pinball machine*" and "*free play console machine*" defined.—For the purposes of this section a "*free play pinball machine*" is defined as a machine which, upon the insertion of one or more coins, causes the mechanism to release one or more balls for the use of the player, to be propelled by means of a plunger.

Upon the obtaining of certain scores or combinations of numbers, the machine rewards the player with a specified number of free games, allowing the player to continue to play the machine without the insertion of additional coins or tokens. The free play pinball machine shall not pay out either cash or tokens. For the purposes of this section, a "*free play console machine*" is defined as a machine, the mechanism of which is encased in a wooden or metal cabinet, with a backboard upon which are certain combinations of numbers or symbols which the player must match. The insertion of one or more coins or tokens by the player releases the mechanism and causes two or more reels to spin. If the reels stop on specified combinations, matching those on the backboards, the machine rewards the player with a specified number of free games, allowing the player to continue to play the machine without the insertion of additional coins or tokens. The free play console machine shall not pay out either cash or tokens.

(3) Maintenance, etc., of machines declared lawful; unlawful to permit use by person under sixteen.—The maintenance, possession and operation of machines of either of the types hereinbefore described, and the awarding of free games to players of said machines, as above set forth, are hereby declared to be lawful when such machines are duly licensed in accordance with the provisions of this section, any other provision of the law notwithstanding. It shall, however, be unlawful for any person, partnership, firm or corporation maintaining, operating or possessing any such machine to permit the use or operation thereof by any person under the age of sixteen years.

(4) Penalty.—Any person, partnership, firm or corporation keeping, maintaining, possessing or operating any of the aforesaid machines without a license, as hereinbefore provided, or violating any of the other provisions of this section, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof be fined not less than twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars nor more than one hundred (\$100.00) dollars for each offense.

(5) Application of sub-title.—The provisions of this section shall apply only to Washington County.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 1957.

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## CHAPTER 437

(Senate Bill 565)

AN ACT to add a new section to Article 89B of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1951 Edition and 1956 Supplement), title "State

EXPLANATION: *Italics indicate new matter added to existing law.*

[Brackets] indicate matter stricken from existing law.

CAPITALS indicate amendments to bill.

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